

# Pilot Programs On Missions in Six Parishes

This year's observance for Mission Sunday will be a little different in six diocesan parishes as they try out a pilot program that the Mission Task Force hopes will involve as much of the parish unit as possible in the Missionary Cooperation Plan.

It is the task force's suggestion that missionaries spend a full week with parishioners, speaking at Masses both the weekend of Oct. 15 and 16 and the weekend of Oct. 22 and 23.

Other activities include a get-acquainted dinner with the parish ministerial staff on Oct. 16, an address to parish council members and officers of parish societies on the next day, an address to both the parish school children and the public school parishioners, special noon Masses throughout the week, and display of World Mission Sunday publicity materials.

Participating in the pilot program are St. Margaret

Mary's Church, which will host Consolata Fathers including Father Anthony Bellagamba of the U.S. Catholic Mission Council in Washington, and St. Pius Tenth Church, where Maryknoll Sisters will speak.

Maryknoll Fathers will conduct a day of retreat in Auburn's St. Alphonsus Parish as part of the program. Fathers Joseph A. Reinhart and Robert F. Wynne will be the visitors.

Father William Jamison, CSSR, of the Vicariate Apostolic of Arauca, Colombia, will be the special guest of St. Rita's Parish in Webster.

Two neighboring parishes in the Southwest Region, St. Monica's and Immaculate Conception, will join forces for the week. The special project will be to exchange information between the parish units and the Archdiocese of Nairobi, Kenya. Father Sean Hogan, C.S.S.P., will speak.

## Diocesan Missioners

The Diocese of Rochester is home for 65 missioners who serve Christ around the world. Those missioners are Father Howard Bieber, MM, Philippines; Father Thomas Brown, OMI, Brazil; Sister Janet Caufield, RSM, Chile; Father Vincent Corbelli, MM, Hong Kong; Brother Isidore Corwin, OFM Cap, Zambia; Father James Courneen, MM, Bolivia; Father Gilbert DeRitis, MM, Peru; Brother Ignatius DiSanto, SVD, Papua New Guinea; Sister Dorothy Doescher, MM, Kenya; Sister Agnes Donovan, MM, Guatemala;

Father John Drexel, OMI, Brazil; Father Thomas Dugan, CSB, Mexico; Sister Kathleen Eilinger, FMM, Liberia; Father Bede Engle, CP, Philippines; Father Charles Erb, SVD, Ghana; Father Philip Erbland, MM, Peru; Father Thomas Fitzpatrick, SJ, Philippines; Father William Frankenberg, CSB, Mexico; Sister Mary Gardner, SSND, Puerto Rico; Father Justinian Gilligan, CP, Philippines; Father Walter Gleason, MM, Tanzania; Father Thomas Green, SJ, Philippines; Father James Hastings, SSC, Japan;

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the money the society raises each year is donated on that day.

But while money is important to the functioning of the Church's missions, Father Reinhart cautioned that "Foremost we must pray for the missions. Although never a missionary, like St. Therese we have the means to change the world for Christ through the power of prayer. The missioners, who number 138,000, and the millions of poor they serve, are depending on us.

"Please, on Mission Sunday, let us overwhelm them with our love and prayers," he begged.

## School

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format of the schools and offering encouragement of interparochial, and inter-diocesan cooperation for a total input into the decision.

"We don't want to be decision makers," she asserted, "we want to facilitate," and added, "nothing will be packaged and then presented."

There will be opportunity for involvement by the people on the parish level. Pastors, principals and parish councils will be studying their individual parish situations in light of the new recommendations. Sister pointed out that cooperation is the key word for solution effectiveness and explained the cooperative efforts had to be on three levels: local parish, inter-parochial and diocesan.

Other recommendations put forth by the Task Force included: school facilities be made available to community members beyond the school populations; personnel serving the Urban Catholic School system should be selected on established criteria which reflect their commitment to the value and purposes of Catholic education and the specific needs of the urban populations; and the one recommendation which because of its controversial nature is already undergoing feasibility studies — parishes without schools assume some financial obligations for their parishioners in Catholic schools. A concept, so stated the report, that is based upon the value that Catholic schools are part of the total Church ministry.

This particular proposal, according to Sister Roberta is not new as there are several dioceses already implementing this idea. It is a concept, she pointed out, that is promoted by New York's Cardinal Terence Cooke who has noted that the Catholic ministry of the Church is the responsibility of everyone not just those having children in the school. The recommendations, she said, were in line with the document released last June by the Vatican's Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education.

The drive to prevent city Catholic school closings is nationwide and seems to have met with success as suggested by the Oct. 9 New York Times article headed, "Inner-City Schools Find Stability." According to the feature, the decline in enrollment has begun to bottom out and in many dioceses the number of entering first graders is on the increase.

It quoted Father Frank H. Bredeweg of the National Catholic Education Association as having said, "Catholic schools do seem to be well into another phase and it is a much more stable one."

The article went on to report that no one knows what this new phase will bring but it seems clear that urban schools will play an increasingly important role. Over half (54 per cent) of the 9,900 parochial schools are in the top 20 metropolitan areas and one of every seven of the schools can be classified as an inner-city school.



### 60th Anniversary

The 60th anniversary dinner of Catholic Charities was held last Friday at Otto Schultz Hall on the campus of Nazareth College. From left, Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty; Regina Kennedy, chairperson of the dinner; keynote speaker Bishop Howard J. Hubbard, of the diocese of Albany; Father Charles F. Mulligan, director of Social Ministry; Donald E. Robinson, Sr., president of Catholic Charities; Maurice J. Tierney, diocesan director of Catholic Charities.

## Divorced, Separated Groups

Diocesan Coordinator: Sister Kathleen Kircher, Pastoral Office, 436-5450

### LIVINGSTON-STEUBEN

St. Agnes  
96 Prospect St., Avon  
Sister Barbara Joan, 226-2100

St. Patrick's or St. Mary's, Corning  
Ann Marie Kapral, 936-9012

St. Joachim's, Canisteo  
Father Thomas Burr, 698-4034

### NORTH REGION

St. Thomas Apostle  
4536 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester  
Father Daniel Holland, 342-2323

### NORTHEAST REGION

St. Joseph's  
43 Gebhardt Rd., Penfield  
1st and 3rd Sundays, 7:30 p.m.  
Luz Maria DiPalermo, 381-1495

### CHEMUNG-SCHUYLER

St. Mary's  
901 Decatur St., Watkins Glen  
Jeannette Fazzary, 535-4315

St. Patrick's  
Clinton St., Elmira  
Lorraine Reed, 734-8631

### NORTHWEST REGION

St. Charles Borromeo School Library  
64 Maiden Lane, Greece  
1st and 3rd Sundays, 7:30 p.m.  
Maureen Gage, 663-3230

### SENECA-CAYUGA

Contact Person:  
Betty Myers, (716)454-5015 or 253-6387

### SOUTHEAST REGION

St. John's  
(includes widowed)  
547 Humboldt St., Rochester  
2nd and 4th Sundays, 7:30 p.m.  
Rita Lewis, 482-1715

Conacle Retreat House  
693 East Ave., Rochester  
Mary Locher Contact 271-8755

### SOUTHWEST REGION

St. Monica's  
34 Monica St., Rochester  
1st and 3rd Fridays, 8 p.m.  
Sheila Dixon, 964-8310

### TOMPKINS-TIOGA

Ithaca  
Meeting location rotates  
2nd and 4th Thursdays 8 p.m.  
Rose Sagan 257-3375

### YATES-ONTARIO-WAYNE

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3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.  
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